

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN RE WORLD TRADE CENTER  
DISASTER SITE LITIGATION

MICHAEL O'CONNELL AND REBECCA  
O'CONNELL,

Plaintiffs,

- against -

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, AND  
AMEC CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT,  
INC., *et al.*,

Defendants.

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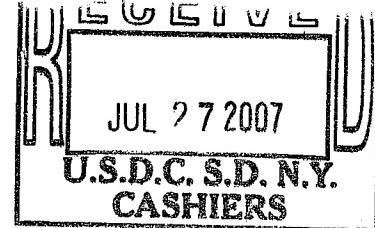
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COMPLAINT

RELATED TO THE  
MASTER COMPLAINT

Judge Hellerstein

PLAINTIFF DEMANDS A TRIAL BY JURY



By Order of the Honorable Alvin K. Hellerstein, United States District Judge, dated June 22, 2006, ("the Order"), Master Complaints for all Plaintiffs were filed on August 18, 2006.

#### NOTICE OF ADOPTION

All headings and paragraphs in the Master Complaints are applicable to and are adopted by the instant Plaintiff(s) as if fully set forth herein in addition to those paragraphs specific to the individual Plaintiff(s), which are listed below. These are marked with an "" if applicable to the instant Plaintiff(s), and specific case information is set forth, as needed, below.

Plaintiff, by his attorneys SULLIVAN PAPAIN BLOCK MCGRATH & CANNAVO, P.C. complaining of Defendants, respectfully alleges:

#### I. PARTIES

##### PLAINTIFF(S)

1.  Plaintiff MICHAEL O'CONNELL (hereinafter the "Injured Plaintiff"), is an individual and a citizen of New York residing at 242 Maple Avenue, Apt. 311, Westbury, New York 11590.
  
2. Alternatively,  \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Decedent \_\_\_\_\_, and brings this claim in his (her) capacity as of the Estate of \_\_\_\_\_.
3.  Plaintiff, REBECCA O'CONNELL (hereinafter the "Derivative Plaintiff"), is an individual and a citizen of New York residing at 242 Maple Avenue, Apt. 311, Westbury,

New York 11590, and has the following relationship to the Injured Plaintiff:

Plaintiff REBECCA O'CONNELL at all relevant times herein, is and has been lawfully married to Plaintiff MICHAEL O'CONNELL, and brings this derivative action for her loss due to the injuries sustained by her husband, Plaintiff MICHAEL O'CONNELL.

Parent     Child     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. In the period from September 11, 2001 and thereafter, the injured Plaintiff worked for the New York City Fire Department as a Firefighter at:

*Please be as specific as possible when filling in the following dates and locations.*

The World Trade Center Site

Location(s) (i.e., building, quadrant, etc.) throughout the four quadrants.

From September 11, 2001 and thereafter, including September 11<sup>th</sup> (24 hour shift), September 13<sup>th</sup> (24 hour shift) and September 15<sup>th</sup> (24 hour shift). The Injured Plaintiff worked at the World Trade Center Site for a total of at least three shifts of 24 hours in length in September 2001. Thereafter, the Injured Plaintiff returned to the World Trade Center Site in the Fall of 2001 (October or November 2001) and worked additional shifts.

The New York City Medical Examiner's Office

From on or about \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_,  
Approximately \_\_\_\_\_ hours per day; for  
Approximately \_\_\_\_\_ days total.

The Fresh Kills Landfill

From on or about \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_;  
Approximately \_\_\_\_\_ hours per day; for  
Approximately \_\_\_\_\_ days total.

The Barge

From on or about \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_;  
Approximately \_\_\_\_\_ hours per day; for  
Approximately \_\_\_\_\_ days total.

Other\*: For injured plaintiffs who worked at Non-WTC Site building or location. The injured plaintiff worked at the address/location, for the dates alleged, for the hours per day, for the total days, and for the employer, as specified below:

From on or about \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_;  
Approximately \_\_\_\_\_ hours per day; for  
Approximately \_\_\_\_\_ days total;  
Name and Address of Non-WTC Site  
Building/Worksite: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Continue this information on a separate sheet of paper if necessary. If more space is needed to specify "Other" locations, please annex a separate sheet of paper with the information.

5. Injured Plaintiff

Was exposed to and breathed noxious fumes on all dates, at the site(s) indicated above;

Was exposed to and inhaled or ingested toxic substances and particulates on all dates at the site(s) indicated above;

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Was exposed to and absorbed or touched toxic or caustic substances on all dates at the site(s) indicated above;

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Injured Plaintiff

- Has not made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund. Pursuant to §405(c)(3)(B)(i) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 49 U.S.C. § 40101, the issue of waiver is inapplicable.
- Made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund that was denied. Pursuant to § 405(c)(3)(B)(i) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 49 U.S.C. § 40101, the issue of waiver is inapplicable.
- Made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund, that was subsequently withdrawn by Ground-Zero Plaintiff. Pursuant to § 405(c)(3)(B)(i) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 49 U.S.C. § 40101, the issue of waiver is inapplicable.
- Made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund that was granted. Pursuant to § 405(c)(3)(B)(i) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 49 U.S.C. § 40101, Ground Zero-Plaintiff has waived her/his right(s) to pursue any further legal action for the injuries identified in said claim.

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**B. DEFENDANT(S)**

7. The following is a list of all Defendant(s) named in the Master Complaint. If checked, all paragraphs pertaining to that Defendant are deemed pleaded herein.

**X THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

- A Notice of Claim was timely filed and served on \_\_\_\_\_ and
  - pursuant to General Municipal Law §50-h
- the CITY held a hearing on \_\_\_\_\_ (OR)
  - The City has yet to hold a hearing as required by General Municipal Law §50-h
  - More than thirty days have passed and the City has not adjusted the claim  
(OR)
  - An Order to Show Cause application to X deem Plaintiff's (Plaintiffs') Notice of Claim timely filed, or in the alternative to grant Plaintiff(s) leave to file a late Notice of Claim *Nunc Pro Tunc* (for leave to file a late Notice of Claim *Nunc Pro Tunc*) has been filed and a determination  is pending
  - Granting petition was made on \_\_\_\_\_
  - Denying petition was made on \_\_\_\_\_

 **PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY ["PORT AUTHORITY"]**

- A Notice of Claim was filed and served pursuant to Chapter 179, §7 of The Unconsolidated Laws of the State of New York on
  - More than sixty days have elapsed since the Notice of Claim was filed, (and)
    - the PORT AUTHORITY has adjusted this claim
    - the PORT AUTHORITY has not adjusted this claim.

- 1 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC
- 1 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC
- 2 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC
- 2 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC
- 4 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC
- 4 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC
- 5 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC

- 5 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC
- AMEC CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, INC.
- 7 WORLD TRADE COMPANY, L.P.
- A RUSSO WRECKING
- ABM INDUSTRIES, INC.
- ABM JANITORIAL NORTHEAST, INC.
- AMEC EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.
- MICHAEL CORTESE SPECIALIZED HAULING, LLC, INC.
- ATLANTIC HEYDT CORP
- BECHTEL ASSOCIATES PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
- BECHTEL CONSTRUCTION, INC.
- BECHTEL CORPORATION
- BECHTEL ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.
- BERKEL & COMPANY, CONTRACTORS, INC.
- BIG APPLE WRECKING & CONSTRUCTION CORP
- BOVIS LEND LEASE, INC.
- BOVIS LEND LEASE LMB, INC.
- BREEZE CARTING CORP
- BREEZE NATIONAL, INC.
- BRER-FOUR TRANSPORTATION CORP.
- BURO HAPOLD CONSULTING ENGINEERS, P.C.
- C.B. CONTRACTING CORP
- CANRON CONSTRUCTION CORP
- CANTOR SEINUK GROUP
- CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF NEW YORK, INC.
- CORD CONTRACTING CO., INC
- CRAIG TEST BORING COMPANY INC.
- DAKOTA DEMO-TECH
- DIAMOND POINT EXCAVATING CORP
- DIEGO CONSTRUCTION, INC.
- DIVERSIFIED CARTING, INC.
- DMT ENTERPRISE, INC.
- D'ONOFRIO GENERAL CONTRACTORS CORP
- EAGLE LEASING & INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY

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TURNER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY  
 TURNER CONSTRUCTION INTERNATIONAL,  
 LLC  
 TURNER/PLAZA, A JOINT VENTURE  
 ULTIMATE DEMOLITIONS/CS HAULING  
 VERIZON NEW YORK INC,  
 VOLLMER ASSOCIATES LLP  
 W HARRIS & SONS INC  
 WEEKS MARINE, INC.  
 WEIDLINGER ASSOCIATES, CONSULTING  
 ENGINEERS, P.C.

- WHITNEY CONTRACTING INC.  
 WOLKOW-BRAKER ROOFING CORP  
 WORLD TRADE CENTER PROPERTIES, LLC  
 WSP CANTOR SEINUK  
 YANNUZZI & SONS INC  
 YONKERS CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC.  
 YORK HUNTER CONSTRUCTION, LLC

ZIEGE  
 OTHER:

Non-WTC Site Building Owner

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business/Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Building/Worksite Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-WTC Site Lessee

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business/Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Building/Worksite Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-WTC Site Building Managing Agent

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business/Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Building/Worksite Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## II. JURISDICTION

8. The Court's jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action is:

Founded upon Federal Question Jurisdiction; specifically;  Air Transport Safety & System Stabilization Act of 2001.

## III CAUSES OF ACTION

Plaintiff(s) seeks damages against the above named defendants based upon the following theories of liability, and asserts each element necessary to establish such a claim under the applicable substantive law:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Breach of the defendants' duties and obligations pursuant to the New York State Labor Law(s) including §§ 200 and 240	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Common Law Negligence, including allegations of Fraud and Misrepresentation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Breach of the defendants' duties and obligations pursuant to the New York State Labor Law 241(6)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Effectiveness of Mask Provided; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Effectiveness of Other Safety Equipment Provided

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pursuant to New York General Municipal Law §205-a		(specify: _____); <input type="checkbox"/> Other(specify): _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pursuant to New York General Municipal Law §205-e	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wrongful Death
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Loss of Services/Loss of Consortium for Derivative Plaintiff
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____

#### **IV CAUSATION, INJURY AND DAMAGE**

9. As a direct and proximate result of defendant's culpable actions in the rescue and/or recovery and/or construction, renovation, alteration, demolition and all work performed at the premises, the Injured Plaintiff sustained (including, but not limited to) the following injuries:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Cancer Injury: Date of onset: Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cardiovascular Injury: Date of onset: Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Respiratory Injury:</b> acute sarcoidosis with erythema nodosum, polyarthralgia, hilar and mediastinal adenopathy with peripheral parenchymal nodules, and other injuries, the full extent of which is not yet known.</p> <p><b>Date of onset:</b> on or about late December 2006 or early January 2007, Injured Plaintiff <b>MICHAEL O'CONNELL</b> suddenly began to experience various symptoms including high fevers, night fevers, swollen feet and flu-like symptoms. The Injured Plaintiff <b>MICHAEL O'CONNELL</b> was present at the World Trade Center site on September 11, 2001, and thereafter. During that time he was exposed to toxic substances and airborne contaminants. Injured Plaintiff <b>MICHAEL O'CONNELL</b>, as a result of the latent effects of exposure to toxic substances and airborne contaminants upon and within his body, did not discover, nor with the exercise of reasonable diligence could he have discovered, his injury until on or about January 2007, when he sought treatment and underwent testing. Physicians at North Shore University Hospital determined that he suffered from "Sarcoidosis, 'Ground Zero'". Injured Plaintiff <b>MICHAEL O'CONNELL</b> was then diagnosed on January 17, 2007 with acute sarcoidosis with erythema nodosum, polyarthralgia, hilar and mediastinal adenopathy with peripheral parenchymal nodules, and other injuries, the full extent of which is not yet known.</p> <p><b>Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work:</b> On or about January, 2007 and thereafter.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fear of Cancer Date of onset: Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Digestive Injury: Date of onset: Date physician first connected this injury to	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Injury: Date of onset: Date physician first connected this injury

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	WTC work:			to WTC work: _____
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*NOTE: The foregoing is NOT an exhaustive list of injuries that may be alleged.*

10. As a direct and proximate result of the injuries identified in paragraph "1", above, the Ground Zero-Plaintiff has in the past suffered and/or will in the future suffer the following compensable damages:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pain and suffering<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loss of the enjoyment of life<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loss of earnings and/or impairment of earning capacity<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loss of retirement benefits/diminution of retirement benefits | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenses for medical care, treatment, and rehabilitation<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mental anguish<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disability<br><input type="checkbox"/> Medical monitoring<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
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11. As a direct and proximate result of the injuries described *supra*, the derivative plaintiff(s), if any, have in the past suffered and/or will in the future suffer a loss of the love, society, companionship, services, affection, and support of the plaintiff and such other losses, injuries and damages for which compensation is legally appropriate.

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**WHEREFORE**, plaintiff(s) respectfully pray that the Court enter judgment in his/her/their favor and against defendant(s) for damages, costs of suit and such other, further and different relief as may be just and appropriate.

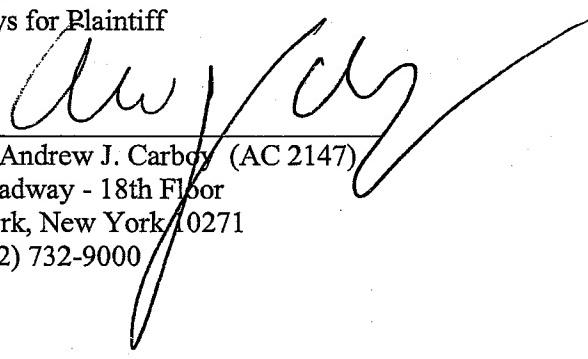
**Plaintiffs demand that all issues of fact in this case be tried before a properly empanelled jury.**

Dated: New York, New York  
July 25, 2007

Yours, etc.

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